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Irish Life Investment Managers wins at Irish Pension Awards

28th November, 2014 – Irish Life announced today that Irish Life Investment Managers won two awards at last night's Irish Pension Awards - Investment Manager of the Year and Alternatives Manager of the Year.

The awards, now in their third year recognise those pension providers, investment managers and schemes that have proven their excellence, professionalism and dedication to maintaining high standards of Irish pension provision.

Irish Life businesses were shortlisted for more awards than any other pension provider or investment manager recognising Irish Life's contribution across the Irish pension market.

Irish Life Investment Managers was shortlisted for Investment Manager of the Year, Equity Manager of the Year, Fixed Income Manager of the Year, Alternatives Manager of the Year and Passive Manager of the Year. Irish Life Investment Managers provide tailored investment solutions for pension schemes but also work closely with Irish Life Corporate Business and Retail Teams to deliver market leading investment solutions including their flagship MAPS fund range

Commenting on the win, Bill Kyle, Chief Executive, Irish Life Group said: "The award wins for Irish Life Investment Managers demonstrate the broad range of products and services we offer. We want to make a meaningful contribution to our clients by enabling and empowering them to secure the best retirement outcomes for themselves and their families. These awards are a great honour for Irish Life Investment Managers and we are grateful to the Irish Pension Awards for this recognition."

He added. "We believe these awards are a testament to Irish Life Investment Manager's customer first focus and our ability to continue to provide innovative solutions which is the core of our business. Our objective is to understand the evolving needs of our customers and to provide inspired investment solutions and a superior service to our growing client base."

Irish Life Investment Managers were also recognised in July 2014 at the European Pension Awards, when they were named Equities Manager of the Year and Passive Manager of the Year. Irish Life Investment Managers was the only Irish investment company to be recognised in this year's awards and the only manager to win two awards in 2014.

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About Irish Life:

Established in 1939, Irish Life includes Ireland's leading provider of life and pension services and Ireland's largest investment firm. Irish Life is part of the Great-West Lifeco group of companies, one of the world's leading life assurance organisations.

Great-West Lifeco was founded more than a century ago in Winnipeg, Canada and its subsidiaries, including The Great-West Life Assurance Company, have a record for financial strength, earnings stability and consistently high ratings from the independent rating agencies. The Great-West Life Assurance Company has an AA rating for insurer financial strength from Standard & Poor's.

Irish Life Assurance plc is committed to delivering innovative products backed by the highest standards of customer service. And as part of Great-West, we have access to experience and expertise on a global scale, allowing us to continuously enhance our leading range of products and services.

Irish Life Investment Managers manage money on behalf of a wide range of international and domestic institutional & retail clients including pension funds, charities and corporates. It is Ireland's largest fund manager with a 42% market share and AUM of €44bn.

Irish Life Assurance plc is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Irish Life Investment Managers Limited is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.